



The Eagle '54



Lily Anne Blair
H. F. S. #3
Chatham
Virginia





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Climax High

Route 2,

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Students of

Climax High School

Dedication



We, the Senior Class of 1954, with deep gratitude and humble respect, dedicate this volume of the Eagle to Mrs. George Blair, our unfathomable and lovable sponsor. We pay tribute to her sincere interest, understanding and willingness to help. We would express our deepest appreciation to her for the gifts of her lovable personality and for the sacrifices that she has made to open the door of opportunity for a workable solution to our most important problems in preparing us for our tomorrow.

The character of a person is revealed by the way he spends his time, that is his life. It is to a woman whose moments are lived not for herself but for a greater purpose, that this book is dedicated.

Faculty

MR. WILLIAM WALTER HALLIGAN, JR.
Principal

A. B. and M. A. Degree
Hampden-Sydney College
University of Virginia



MRS. GEORGE BLAIR
B. S. Degree
Madison College
History, Science, Biology, French

MRS. LARRY GILES
B. A. Degree
Lynchburg College
Librarian, Music Director



MISS ELEANOR RUDDLE
B. S. Degree
Madison College
Commercial

MRS. PEARL BERGER
B. A. Degree
University of Kentucky
English



MRS. RUTH C. HUNDLEY
B. S. Degree
William and Mary College
Washington University
Math, Science, Algebra

MISS MILDRED HALEY
B. S. Degree
Madison College
Duke University
Home Economics



MR. MAX C. LITTLEJOHN
A. B. Degree
Elon College
History
Physical Education, Coach

MR. JOHN M. DUNNAVANT, JR.
B. S. Degree
Virginia Polytechnic Institute
University of Virginia
Agriculture



MRS. H. BLAIR REYNOLDS
Secretary

Give to Lucy Anne

Ruth C. Hundley

Faculty



*Good luck to
a good little girl
Mary Sue*

MISS NELL F. EDWARDS
Madison College
Seventh Grade

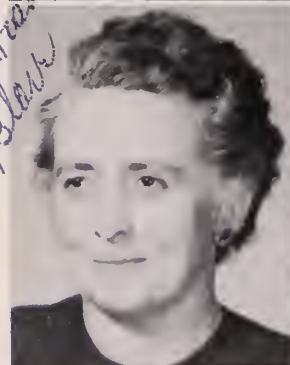
MRS. JESSE WILLIAMS
Radford College
Sixth-Seventh Grades



*Sincerely,
Edna B. Towler*

MRS. MAGGIE WATSON
Longwood College
Sixth Grade

MRS. BENNIE TOWLER
Madison College
University of Virginia
Fifth Grade



MRS. HURT BLAIR
Longwood College
Fourth Grade

MRS. EVA WILLIS
Radford College
Third-Fourth Grades



MRS. E. T. ADKINS
B. S. Degree
Radford College
Third Grade

MRS. RYLAND SMITH
B. S. Degree
Madison College
Radford College
Second Grade



MRS. VIRGINIA ADKINS
Radford College
University of Virginia
High-First Grade

MRS. MAE REYNOLDS
Averette College
Radford College
Madison College
Longwood College
First Grade

*you were here only
a short while. But I
really enjoyed having
you for one of my first
grade girls - Best wishes
Mae Reynolds*

*Maggie
Watson
Best friend
Edna Blair*

*Best wishes!
N. Adkins*

Seniors



CLASS OFFICERS

Mascots Thomas Tuck and Lois Finney
Sponsor Mrs. George Blair
Secretary-Treasurer Melvin Blair
Reporter Dolores Martin
Vice-President Betty Riddle
President Patsy Watson

Seniors



JAMES ROGERS ADKINS

Into mischief here and there
We find him everywhere.

DORIS BARBOUR

Doris works and studies hard
Which shows on her report card.



GEORGE MELVIN BLAIR

Fuzzy, Fuzzy, he's our man
If he can't do it, nobody can.

NORMA JEAN CRADDOCK

She is friendly and a worker
She is never a shirker.



LOUISE ANGELINE CREWS

She is a good friend and her hair is red
She'll work hard and stay ahead.

W. G. FINNEY

A good boy is W. G. Finney
He would give you his last penny.



*Best of luck to you
and ~~the~~*

Seniors



*Top
Gibson*

NELSON WALLACE GIBSON

When everything goes wrong
He still sings a gay song.



BARBARA ELLEN HASKINS

Barbara is friendly all the while
You never see her without a smile.



BETTY SUE HODGES

In a shorthand or bookkeeping quiz
Betty Sue is always a whiz.



TOMMY RAMSEY LAW

He's the captain of our team
Always ready and on the beam.



IRIS ARLETHIA MAHAN

They call her bashful, that she is
But in classes she's a whiz.



JUNE DOLORES MARTIN

Always a friendly smile
To make a friend she'd walk a mile.



*Best of luck
Dolores*

Seniors



RICHARD CARROLL McCRICKARD

Carroll's quiet, friendly ways
Will guide him through his future days.

RANDALL LEE MOORE

In the classroom, in the shop
Pike will always be on top.



BETTY JANE RIDDLE

She studies and reads a lot
But she belongs in the athletic spot.

JANE MARGUERITE WATSON

Jane's humorous and friendly ways
Will always bring the sunshine rays.



*Best of luck
Jane*



PATSY ANN WATSON

Cute, dainty and petite
Makes Patsy always sweet.



Seniors

DORIS BARBOUR

Glee Club 4; Safety Patrol 4; FHA 4; Commercial Club 1.

JEAN CRADDOCK

Safety Patrol 2; Secretary of 8th Grade; FHA 5; Reporter 1, Vice-President 1, President 1, and Parliamentarian 1, of FHA; Glee Club 4; President of Glee Club 1; President 9th Grade; Beta Club 4; President of Beta Club 1; Student Council 2; Vice-President of Student Council 1; Library Club 1; President of Library Club 1; Basketball Scorekeeper 3; Vice-President of 10th Grade; Commercial Club 1; Historian of Piedmont Federation 1; Editor of Eagle; Won 2 Blue Ribbons at Fair; Won Essay Contest.

LOUISE CREWS

Glee Club 3; FHA 3; Beta Club 2; Commercial Club 1.

BARBARA HASKINS

Basketball 4; Glee Club 3; Commercial Club 1; FHA 2; Library Club 1; Monogram Club 1; Safety Patrol 1; 4-H Club 2; President of 4-H Club 1.

BETTY SUE HODGES

Beta Club 3; Secretary of Beta Club 1; FHA 3; Reporter of FHA 1; Library Club 1; Vice-President of Library Club 1; Student Council 2; Commercial Club 1; Glee Club 2; Cheerleader 3; Head Cheerleader 2; Advertising Manager of Eagle; Valedictorian.

IRIS MAHAN

Glee Club 5; 4-H Club 4; FHA 4; Reporter 1, and President 1 of FHA; Beta Club 4; Treasurer of Beta Club 1; Basketball 4; Commercial Club 2; Monogram Club 2; Safety Patrol 2; Library Club 1; Business Manager of Annual Staff.

DOLORES MARTIN

FHA 1; Commercial Club 1; Glee Club 1; Annual Staff 1; Class Reporter 12th Grade.

BETTY JANE RIDDLE

Class President 9th Grade; Vice-President 12th Grade; FHA 4; Secretary of FHA 1; Vice-President of FHA 2; Reporter of FHA 1; Beta Club 4; Vice-President of Beta Club 1; Safety Patrol 4; Captain and Lieutenant

of Safety Patrol 1; Basketball 4; Glee Club 2; Secretary of Glee Club 1; Student Council 4; Reporter of Student Council 1; Secretary of Student Council 2; Library Club 1; Commercial Club 1.

JANE WATSON

4H 3; FHA 3; Historian of FHA 1; Basketball 3; Library Club 1; Reporter of Library Club; Glee Club 2; Treasurer of Glee Club 1; Monogram Club 1; Commercial Club 1.

PATSY WATSON

Glee Club 3; Beta Club 3; Treasurer of Beta Club 1; FHA 3; Basketball 2; Commercial Club 1; Library Club 1; President of Library Club; Safety Patrol 1; President of 12th Grade.

JAMES ADKINS

Library Club 2; Glee Club 3; Commercial Club 1.

MELVIN BLAIR

Basketball 4; Baseball 4; FFA 3; Treasurer of FFA; Beta Club 3; Treasurer of Beta Club 1; Commercial Club 1; Student Council 1; Secretary of 12th Grade.

W. G. FINNEY

Baseball 3; Safety Patrol 2; FFA 3; Reporter of FFA 3; Glee Club 2; Vice-President of 10th Grade.

NELSON GIBSON

Baseball 3; Basketball 2; Glee Club 1; FFA 3; Safety Patrol 1.

TOMMY LAW

Basketball 4; Baseball 4; Monogram Club 1; Student Council 3; President of Student Council; FFA 4; Vice-President 1 and President of FFA; President of Pittsylvania County FFA Federation; Commercial Club 1; Treasurer of 11th Grade.

CARROLL McCRICKARD

Beta Club 4; FFA 4; Secretary of FFA 2.

RANDALL MOORE

Baseball 4; Basketball 3; FFA 3; Monogram Club 1; Safety Patrol 1; Commercial Club 1; Student Council 1; President of Student Council 1.

Class History

We have been here at Climax High for four years trudging along, acquiring the fundamentals of education and the art of living with ourselves and with one another. It hasn't been bad because we have had happy and gay times together. We have obeyed with meekness and humility the rules and regulations of our school. All worthwhile things are gained by a price. We have paid that price as we have written our history through the years.

We entered the eighth grade with twenty-eight on roll. Mr. George Gibbs was our sponsor and Mr. Fred Reynolds was principal. In February, W. G. Finney enrolled in our class. Our class officers were: President—Melvin Blair, Vice-President—Jean Craddock, Secretary-Treasurer—Sylvia Terrill, and Reporter—Jimmy Rasberry. This was a year of getting adjusted because we were the first eighth grade at Climax. The event we enjoyed most this year was our picnic. We got a half day holiday for this.

In the ninth grade, Mrs. Elsie Blair was our sponsor and Mr. Reynolds was still our principal. We elected the following officers: President—Betty Jane Riddle, Vice-President—Randall Moore, Secretary-Treasurer—James Rogers Adkins, and Reporter—Carroll McCrickard. During the year, we gained Oralle Adkins and Douglas Pennington. We lost Morris Kendrick, Jimmy Rasberry, Bobby Adkins, Janice Chism, Sylvia Terrill, Geraldine Kendrick, and Sallie Belle Towler. Sallie came back before the year was over. This year, the clubs were open to us. We joined the Student Council, F.F.A., F.H.A., and the Beta Club. This was the first Student Council in Climax High. Many of us made the basketball teams. Again this year we took off a half day from school for our picnic.

When we entered the tenth grade, several members of our class had dropped out. These were Douglas Pennington, Oralle Adkins, James Ferguson, Julian Ferguson, Garnett Osborne, Ruby Wallace, and Frances Shelton. We gained Betty Sue Hodges. Mrs. Blair was our sponsor and Mr. Reynolds our principal. Our officers were: President—Shirley Shelton, Vice-President—W. G. Finney, Secretary-Treasurer—Tommy Law, Reporter—Louise Crews. This year our boys won the Group III County Basketball Championship. The F.H.A. gave the champions a banquet. We gave the seniors a banquet at the Danville Country Club. Our class had a picnic after school and went to the movie. We had cheerleaders for the first time this year.

In the eleventh grade, we had Mrs. Blair as sponsor and Mr. Reynolds as principal. We lost Gladys Adkins and gained Dolores Martin and Nelson Gibson. The main event of this year was getting our class rings. Our class had a party at school. Our officers for this year were: President—Sallie Towler, Vice-President—Melvin Blair, Secretary-Treasurer—Barbara Haskins, and Reporter—Tommy Law.

Finally, we were seniors. The road that had seemed so endless was now coming to an end. We lost two members of our class, Sallie Towler and Shirley Shelton. Mrs. Blair was our sponsor. We had a new principal, Mr. W. W. Halligan, Jr. Our officers were: President—Patsy Ann Watson, Vice-President—Betty Jane Riddle, Secretary-Treasurer—Melvin Blair, and Reporter—Dolores Martin. We were all very excited about our invitations, caps, and gowns. Our biggest events were our annual, junior-senior banquet, and senior play. We chose as our motto: "Life Is A Picture, Paint It Well." Our colors were blue and white and our flower, red rose. We shall always cherish the memories of the days we spent at Climax.

Class Prophecy

On the evening of June 11, 1964, my mind was in a daze remembering June 11, 1954, when I had received my high school diploma. My mind had left Beverly Hills, California, where I was Esther Williams' secretary, to Climax, Virginia, and those dear old classmates. I knew I must stop dreaming and get into the house and get dressed to attend the premiere with Esther of her new movie, "Queen of the waters." As we greeted friends, I still remained in my daze of remembering "school days at Climax." The usher led us to our seats as I was dreaming the role each of my classmates was playing in life.

Then my ears heard familiar voices and on the screen my eyes saw:

Patsy Ann Watson has resigned her position as secretary to become a happy housewife.

Randall Moore has settled down with a family and has a steady job.

Barbara Haskins is working as a telephone operator and still looking for a man.

W. G. Finney, through with college, is preaching the Bible.

Ten years have passed and Tommy Law is still knocking clods and fussing about tobacco.

Melvin Blair is flying a jet plane over Flip and his dairy farm.

James Rogers Adkins is flying a jet plane in the U. S. Air Force.

Betty Sue Hodges broke the record by being the first girl to enter Washington and Lee University Law School. After several years of successful practice of law she was elected Governor of Virginia. She is expected to appoint former classmates to high positions in the state.

Betty Jane Riddle is married and trying to keep up with all the society clubs in the community.

Doris Barbour is trying to keep Junior from crying while her husband is preaching.

Dolores Martin is still single and working every day at her position as secretary at Washington, D. C.

Nelson Gibson is running a dairy farm in the winter and playing short-stop for the Cleveland Indians in the summer.

Iris Mahan is a nurse at an Army Hospital, and doing one certain captain some good.

Louise Crews has stopped nursing at Walter Reed Hospital to set up housekeeping near Climax.

Carroll McCrickard has been driving a school bus to Climax for the last ten years. He no longer has to skip school to take the bus to the shop.

Jean Craddock is one of the head Democrats in Virginia and is teaching political history at Washington and Lee University. She is beginning to shape up her campaign for the U. S. Senate race in July. C. D. Cook is running against her on the Republican ticket.

Jane Watson is Esther Williams' secretary and living in lovely Beverly Hills, California.

Senior Class Will

We, the Senior Class of 1954, in seventeen individual and distinct parts, being of sound mind and in a charitable mood, do make and publish this last will and testament—

We will and bequeath to the following individuals:

First, James Rogers Adkins wills his fine hillbilly voice to Julian Ferguson so he can take his place in Glee Club next year.

Doris Barbour wills her seat in Mrs. George Blair's room to Lolene McCrickard.

Melvin Blair wills his position of center forward in basketball and center field in baseball to Abe Osborne.

Norma Jean Craddock wills her studious ways to Betty Lou Hammock.

Louise Crews wills Alton DeBoe her love for Glee Club.

W. G. Finney wills his last year at Climax to Harley Edwards.

Nelson Gibson wills his good disposition to Carl Thornton.

Barbara Haskins wills her love for basketball to Lorene Chism.

Betty Sue Hodges wills her ability to misbehave on the bus to Shelby Jefferson.

Tommy Law wills his position as guard on the basketball team and second base position on the baseball team to Glenn Shelton.

Iris Mahan wills her love for History to Sterling Camden.

Dolores Martin wills her friendly ways to Shirley Kendrick.

Carroll McCrickard wills his ability to work in the shop to Ralph Frazier.

Randall Moore wills his "pitching arm" to Thomas Yeatts.

Betty Jane Riddle wills her position in basketball to Thelma Cassidy.

Jane Watson wills her ability to get along with everyone to Nancy Allen.

Patsy Ann Watson wills Nancy Lee Watson her love for Climax.

In witness whereof, we, the Senior Class of 1954, approve of these bequests and do set our seal and hands to this official document on the twelfth day of June.

Underclassmen



OFFICERS

Juniors: Nancy Allen, Reporter; Betty Lou Hammock, Secretary; Mrs. Giles, Sponsor; Carl Thornton, Vice-President; Shelby Jefferson, Treasurer; Glenn Shelton, President.

Sophomores: Nancy Shelton, President; Clyde Rigney, Secretary; Kenneth West, Reporter; Miss Ruddle, Sponsor; Gordon Ray Blair, Vice-President.

Freshmen: Hazel Haskins, Vice-President; Joyce Rigney, President; Barbara Rorer, Secretary; Nancy Anderson, Reporter; Dee Anna Cundiff, Treasurer; Mrs. Berger, Sponsor.

Eighth Grade: Marvin Oakes, Vice-President; Ann Walker, Treasurer; Nomie Jean Doss, President; Mrs. Hundley, Sponsor; Barbara Towler, Reporter; Donald Williams, Secretary.

Juniors



Nancy Allen
Sterling Camden

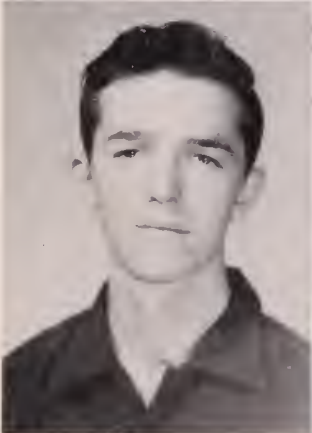


*Love & Best Wishes
Lorene Chism*

Thelma Cassidy
Lorene Chism



Alton DeBoe
Harley Edwards



Julian Ferguson
Betty Lou Hammock
Ralph Frazier

Juniors

*Good Luck
to you*

Shelby Jefferson
Shirley Kendrick



Shirley

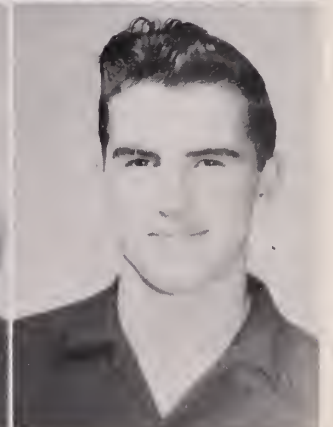
Lolene McCrickard
Averette Osborne



Glenn Shelton
Carl Thornton



Nancy Watson
Nell Watson
Thomas Yeatts



*Success and
Happiness
Nancy*

Sophomores



Eloise Adkins
Peggy Barber
Gordon Ray Blair
Sharlean Bobbitt



Linda Bowen
Ethel Cassidy
Novella Custer
Marie Edwards



Nell Gibson
Herbert Linthicum
Kathryn McDowell
Alice Faye McGhee



Jean Osborne
Clyde Rigney
Wallace Shelhorse
Edgar Lee Shelton



Gloria Shelton
Nancy Shelton
Carlene Smith
Dwayne Tompkins

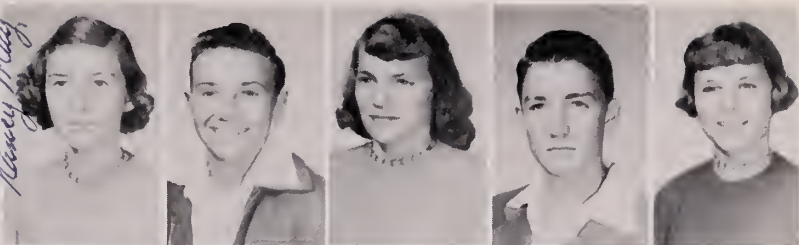


Horace Towler
Eugene West
Kenneth West
Betty Williams
H. T. Yeatts

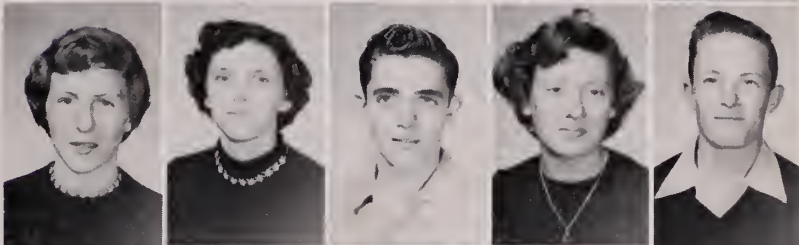
Freshmen

Nancy Anderson
Donald Bailey
Mary Bailey
Bobby Barbour
Alice Faye Bennett

*Best of Freshmen
Nancy May*



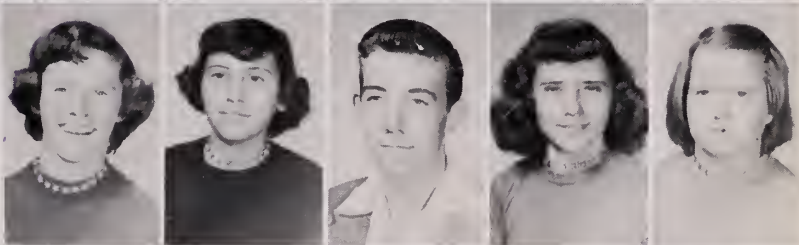
Betty Berger
Janice Bradner
Burhl Briggs
Dee Anna Cundiff
Woodrow David



Charlotte Davidso
Georgia Doss
Gladys Ferguson
Phyllis Frazier
Barbara Gibson



Jo Ann Gibson
Mary Hammock
Edward Hancock
Hazel Haskins
Dorothy Jacobs



Jo Ann Jefferson
Betty Ross Mahan
Leland Mahan
Lunell Mahan
Wayne Oakes
Nancy Osborne



Shirley Osborne
Earl Owen
Everlene Owen
Linda Reynolds
Charles Rigney
Joyce Rigney



Barbara Rorer
Earlene Shelton
Faye Shelton
Stover Shelton
William Tolley
Glenda Towler



Eighth Grade



Ruby Ann Adkins
Becky Anderson
Rachel Barbour
Ann Berger
Lucy Anne Blair



Judy Bradner
Ernest Cassidy
Roger Custer
Avert Buddy Crews
Nomie Jean Doss



Juanita Ferguson
Stella Gibson
Barbara Gross
Frank Hedrick
Morris Hedrick



Nellie Hedrick
Maynard Kendrick
Marvin Oakes
Curtis Osborne
Evelyn Osborne



Betty Sue Parker
Clifford Pillow
Philip Riddle
Wayne Rigney
Charlene Shelhorse



John Wayne Shelton
Barbara Towler
Catherine Towler
J. D. Towler
Ann Walker



Donald Williams
Danese Wood
Margie Matherly
Faye Towler
Bertha Tolley

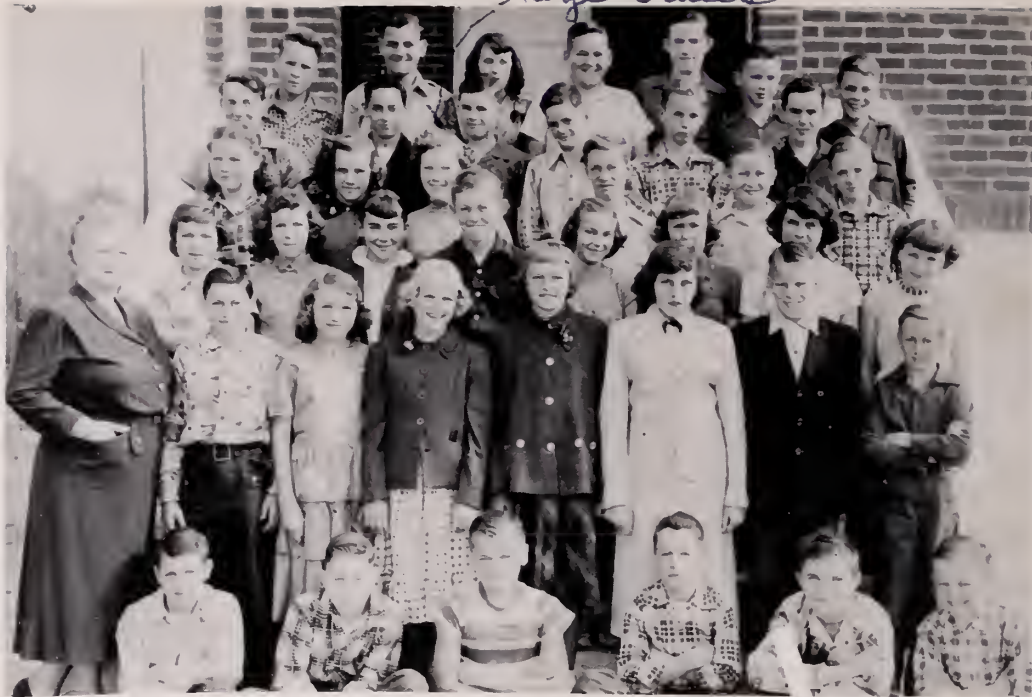
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Grade School



Mrs. Reynolds' first grade writing class.
Mrs. Smith's second grade band.
Mrs. Adkins' first and second grade recess.
Mrs. Blair's fourth grade pledging allegiance to the flag.
Mrs. Towler's fifth grade art class.
Mrs. Williams' sixth and seventh grade geography class.

Seventh Grade *Kaye Eades*



FIRST ROW: Thomas Jefferson, Jimmie Falls, Richard Anderson, Ventan Watson, Wayne Wyatt, L. C. Reynolds. SECOND ROW: Nell Edwards, Gene Bailey, Geraldine Shelton, Dale Mahan, Annie Lee Adkins, Clara Keatts, Darrell Thornton, Gordan Ray Watson. THIRD ROW: Doris Haskins, Geneva Mayhew, Anne Anderson, Wayne Mahan, Jeanette West, Evelyn Rigney, Helen Haskins, Frances Hedrick. FOURTH ROW: Esther Swain, Anne Haskins, Kaye Eades, Charles Adkins, David L. Watson, Junior Barber. FIFTH ROW: J. R. Osborne, Newman Shields, Archie Parker, Bobby Woodsan, George Williams, Kenneth Osborne. SIXTH ROW: Ted Hedrick, Curtis Moore, Lucy Bolling, Henry Lee Bowen, Jack Shelton, Dennis Nichlow, Keith Shelton.

Sixth and Seventh Grades



FIRST ROW: Williams, Mary Jane Dass, Mildred Osborne, Roger Osborne, Edna Sue Barber, Billy Wood, Henry Adkins, Robert Shelton. SECOND ROW: Elsie Mae Emerson, June Adkins, Mary Elizabeth Doss, Garland Tawler, Drema Meadows, Jewel Barbour, William Ferguson. THIRD ROW: Shirley Bowen, Mary Ann Hedrick, Ann Marie Tash, Ray Osborne, Emmett Adkins, Harry Wayne Chism. FOURTH ROW: Rachel Adkins, Happy Osborne, J. D. Wilkes, Marris Shelton Jr., Robert Thomas, Estelle Osborne, Carl Barker.

Sixth Grade



SEATED: Robert D. Berger, Jimmie Camden, Maynard Haskins, Danny Watson, Ronnie Bennett. FIRST ROW: Mrs. Maggie Watson, Teacher, Brenda Tharntan, Mazelle Bowen, Carolyn Sumner, Jack Walden, Jimmie Tuck, Jewell Hedrick. SECOND ROW: Marie Adkins, Winston Swain, June Tawler, Marie Crews, Billie Camden, Rannie Tuck. THIRD ROW: Judy Rigney, Sharan Mayhew, J. R. Pearson, Ryland Canner, Barbara Crews, Virginia George. FOURTH ROW: Virginia Bailey, Cecil Parker, Charlotte Martin, Ray Barbour, Adeline Blair, Dianne Blair. FIFTH ROW: Wilson Owen, Jr., Sherman Reynolds, Roy Osborne, Jacqueline Williams, Davie L. Moore, Onyx Canner.

Fifth Grade



FIRST ROW: Jimmy Grass, Maxie Grass, Carl Barnwell, Glenn Yeatts, Ronald Caak, Ray Adkins. SECOND ROW: Mrs. Tawler, Donald Shelton, Mildred Osborne, Kenneth Bates, Ann Shelton, Edward Law, Lana Mills, Rager Canner, Wayne Haskins. THIRD ROW: Carol Talley, Blair Mahan, Douglas Craddock, Dale Mahan, Juanita Reynolds, Jimmy Shelton, Milton Bowen, Betty Bailey. FOURTH ROW: Kay Oakes, Melvin Williams, J. D. Haskins, Danny Adkins, Wayne Warley, Melvin Mahan, Richard Edwards. FIFTH ROW: Nadine Caak, Relda Osborne, Donna Lee Blair, William Anderson, Dwight Tawler, Genell Shelhorse, Thomas Jefferson. SIXTH ROW: Jayce Mahan, Lucille Adkins, Velma Osborne, Elizabeth Osborne, Louise Adkins, Kathleen Finney. SEVENTH ROW: Faye Adkins, Jeanette Oakes, Morris Maare, Nicky Cundiff, Jimmy Kendrick, Leslie Wayne Osborne.

Fourth Grade



FIRST ROW: Tommie Anderson, Ward Reynolds, Ronnie Rigney, Landon Bradner, Jerry Reynolds, Owen Anderson. SECOND ROW: Helen Bates, Marie Paschal, Wayne Tolley, Patsy Worley, Garry Wyatt Blair, Onyx Osborne, Linda Adkins, Libby Watson. THIRD ROW: Leonard Haskins, L. T. Osborne, Betty Owen, Laura Edwards, Gladys Gross, Juanita Custer, Rita George. FOURTH ROW: Eleanor Owen, Billy Joe Towler, Betty Lou Haskins, Lois Walden, Roena Adkins, Linda Lou Gibson, Dorothy Adkins. FIFTH ROW: Haywood Barbour, Rex Smith, Walter Haskins. Mrs. Blair, Teacher.

Third and Fourth Grades



FIRST ROW: Robert Nicklow, Cabell Crews, Dillard Gibson, R. V. Osborne, Danny Adkins. SECOND ROW: Eva Willis, Carolyn Osborne, Marvin Haskins, Delsia Crews, Edna Sue Adkins, Irene Adkins, Tom Bailey, Robert Pribble, Joyce Hammock. THIRD ROW: Riley Adkins, Clarence Pribble, Clarence Barbour, Nancy Reynolds, Faye Tosh, Barbara Custer, Ella May Shelton. FOURTH ROW: Leslie Moore, Clyde Crews, Junior Adkins, Melvin Towler, Nannie Dalton, Linwood Doss, Cleve Tosh.

Third Grade



FIRST ROW: O. W. Mahan, Neal Parsans, Billie Brown, Harry Sheltan, Elwood Barbour, Emary Osborne. SECOND ROW: Mrs. Edna Adkins, Ann Owen, Barbara Watson, Essie Matherly, Marianna Barnwell, Lonnie Adkins, Dorothy Watson, Mildred Jane Tharntan, Susan Blair. THIRD ROW: Melba Martin, Janet Mahan, Charlotte Elliott, Dwight Dunnivant, Linda Sheltan, Patsy Adkins, Rebecca Dalton. FOURTH ROW: Vicky Neal, Dorothy Barbour, Walter Mitchell, Gail Mayhew, Nelsan Bowen, Jacquelyn Tawler, Wayne Barbour. FIFTH ROW: Mildred Owen, Marian Parker, Staver Tawler, Edward Tawler, Llyad Towler, Narma Toney, Nancy Adkins.

Second Grade



FIRST ROW: Gordan Ray Tuck, Michael Adkins, Jahnnny Blair, Thomas Lee Adkins, Cay Smith, Moncie Matherly. SECOND ROW: Edith Smith, James Tash, Ramana Walker, Virginia Watson, Nelsia Crews, Earl Adkins, Sandra Bowen, Jae Williams, Mozelle Doss, Gail Neal. THIRD ROW: Linda Faye Doss, Patricia Hensley, J. C. Adkins, Tam Tash, Joyce Osborne, Martha Ann Gearge, Aubrey Crews, James Edwards, Sandra Anderson. FOURTH ROW: Gene Adkins, Charles Kendrick, Willie Watson, Kay Nicklaw, Thomas Wayne Towler, G. E. Osborne, Dwight Reynolds, Shelby Chism. FIFTH ROW: Thomas Lee Moore, Richard Maare, Patricia Hayward.

First and Second Grades



FIRST ROW: Tim Bailey, Ronold Shelton, "Blue" Dalton, Billy Moore, Roger Towler. SECOND ROW: Mrs. Virginia Adkins, Stella Hedrick, Danny Tolley, Terry Bailey, Melvin Pribble, Fayé Gibson, Joan Shelton, Joyce Gibson, Ben Robertson. THIRD ROW: Betty Hedrick, Marie Robertson, Roger Moore, Roney Adkins, J. C. Walden, Wayne George, Guy Bradner, May Tosh. FOURTH ROW: Kenneth Bolling, Roy Shelton, Edward Cook, Kenneth Haskins, Winborne Haskins, Freddy Watson, Barbara Sue Robertson, Christine Gibson.

First Grade



FIRST ROW: Moe G. Reynolds, Jo Ann Bradner, Susie Reynolds, H. C. Doss, Virginia Dare Owen, Lawyers Adkins, Glenn Barbour, Virgie Adkins, Virginio Lane Gibson. SECOND ROW: Roger Edwards, Joyce Adkins, Brenda Osborne, Charlie Lee Anderson, Thomas Tuck, Buddy Hommock, Wayne Custer, Joe Howard Adkins. THIRD ROW: Rondol Donovan, Ruby Osborne, Mobel Bates, Mary Nicklow, Margaret Osborne, Robert Gunnell, Johnny Turner, Margaret Elizabeth Osborne. FOURTH ROW: Lois Ann Finney, Charlie V. Mahan, Louise Moore.

Activities



Jane Watson - Voted the Queen of the High School Fair.

Michael Adkins, Sandra Anderson, Diane Blair - Voted the Prince and Princesses of the School Fair.

Degree Team - Won first place in the Federation Degree Team Contest. SEATED: Earl Owen, Tommy Law, Carl Thornton, and Glenn Shelton. STANDING: Nelson Gibson, W. G. Finney, Randall Moore, Carroll McCrickard, Melvin Blair, Leland Mahan, and Jack Dunnivant, Sponsor.

Betty Jane Riddle - Won the D. A. R. Good Citizenship Contest. Students are chosen who are outstanding in: Dependability, Service, Leadership, and Patriotism.

Betty Sue Hodges - Made outstanding grades during all four years in high school and will probably be valedictorian or salutatorian of her class.



June Fowler



Mrs. Cocke's
Piano Class

Miss Haley's Home
Economics Class

Future Carpenters

Always Cutting Up





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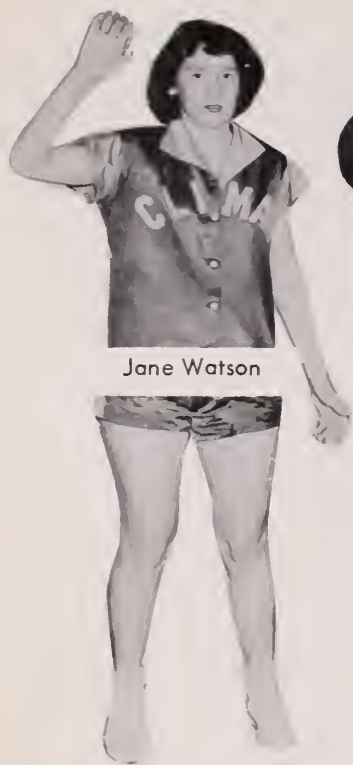
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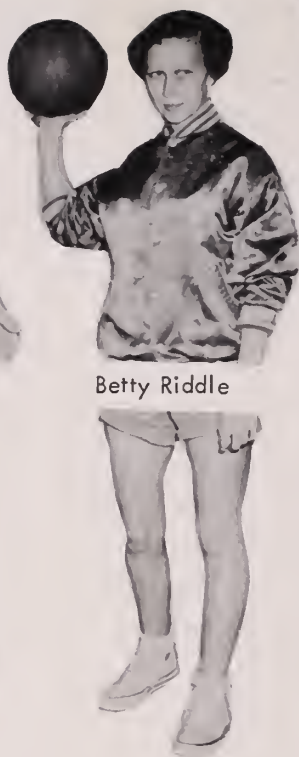
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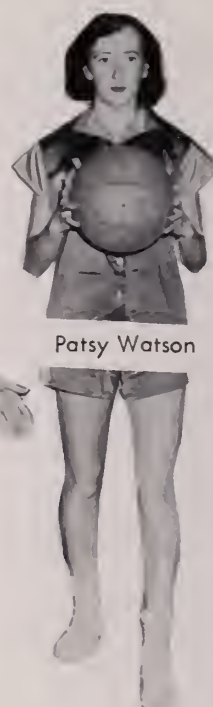
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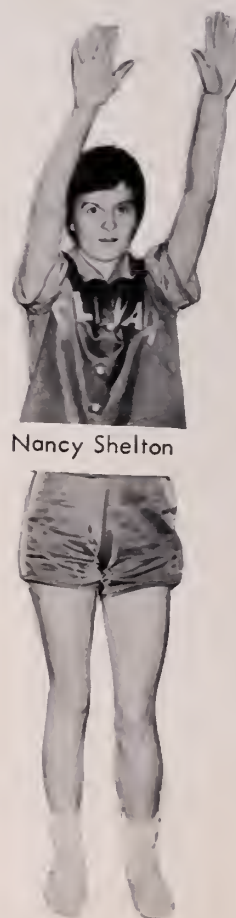
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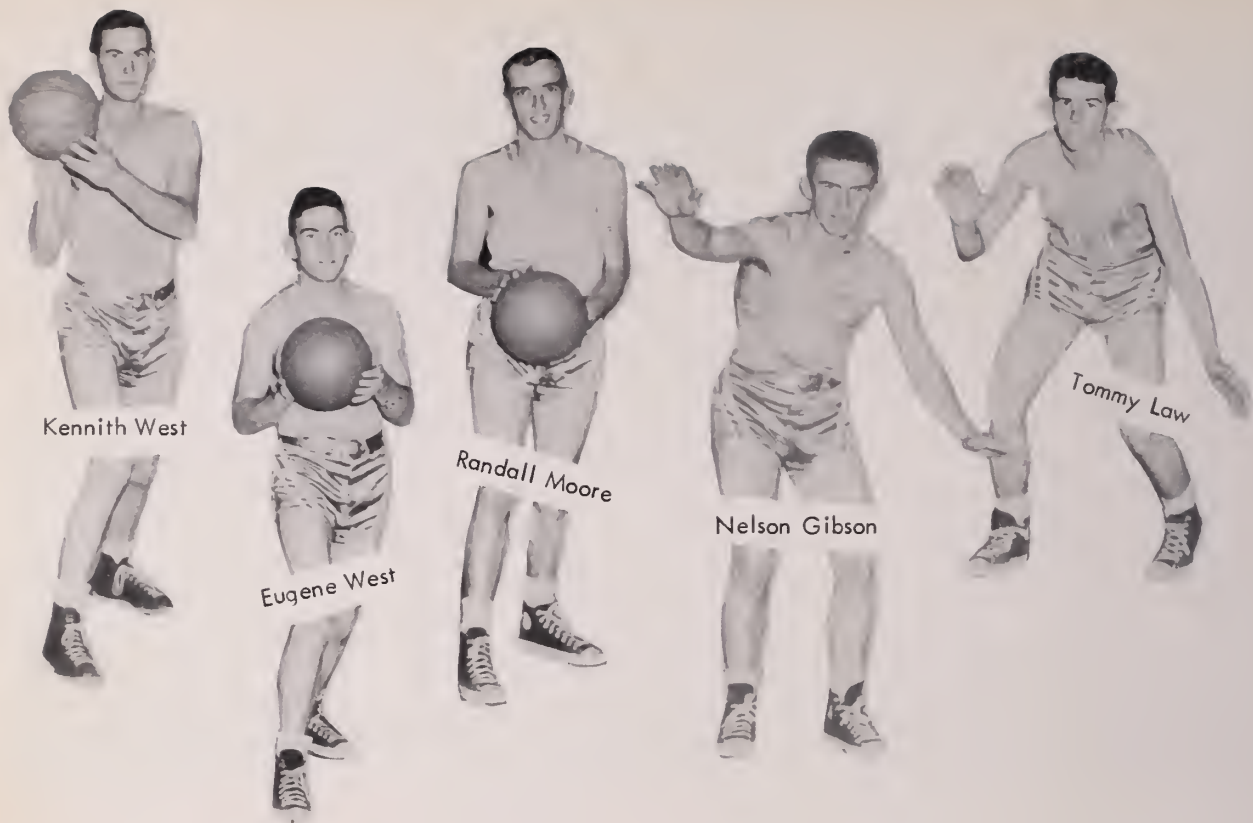
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Best of luck always
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Lucy, enjoyed
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Best wishes, Lucy Ann,
it has been
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at school with
you. You are a very
nice girl. I am wishing
you the best of luck
through the years.
Love always,
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